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SUBJECT: NEW FONMIN HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER DESIGNATED

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1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY RECENTLY DESIGNATED LUIS ALBERTO CARRESSE, AN ENERGETIC YOUNG PROTEGE OF FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTOR GIAMBRUNO, TO WHOM HE WILL REPORT, TO RESPOND TO ALL OFFICIAL HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRIES. THIS FOLLOWS DIRECTLY IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MARCH DECREE WHICH ESTABLISHED THE OFICIAN CENTRAL DE INFORMACION DE PERSONAS (OCIP) TO REPLY TO UNOFFICIAL INQUIRIES AND DIRECTED OFFICIAL INQUIRIES TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. OCIP DIRECT COL. MAYNARD INDICATED THAT HE AND CARRESSE WILL WORK IN PARALLEL, CONFERRING OCCASIONALLY BUT FOR THE MOST PART PURSUING THEIR GOALS INDEPENDENTLY. IN PARTICULAR, IN SPITE OF OCIP'S ALREADY EXTENSIVE FILES ON DETAINEES, CARRESSE WILL BE REQUIRED TO DO HIS OWN RESEARCH IN ANSWERING HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRIES.

2. THE FIRST FRUIT OF CARRESSE'S APPOINTMENT EMERGED LAST WEEK WHEN, IN A MAJOR DEPARTURE FROM THE GOU'S LONG-TIME POLICY OF SILENCE ON POLITICAL DETAINEES, A LIST OF 522 PERSONS RELEASED FROM PRISON IN CY 1977 WAS GIVEN TO THIS
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EMBASSY AND TO SEVERAL OTHER EMBASSIES INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. (DETAILS SEPTTEL).

3. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY INITIATED AN INQUIRY WITH THIS OFFICE CONCERNING USUN'S REPORT OF THE RECENT ARREST AND MISTREATMENT OF FOUR STUDENTS (REFTEL), AND BEEN PROMISED A PROMPT AND FULL REPLY.

4. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT CARRESSE (WITH GIAMBRUNO'S SUPPORT) TAKES A BROADER VIEW OF HIS TASK THAN DOES MAYNARD, NOT ONLY RESPONDING TO HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRIES BUT ALSO TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN WIDENING THE HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE. THERE IS SOME DOUBT AS TO WHETHER HE CAN ACHIEVE THIS, HOWEVER, DUE TO THE RECALCITRANCE OF SOME ELEMENTS OF THE GOU'S SECURITY ESTABLISHMENT, FROM WHOME HE MUST OBTAIN HIS INFORMATION. NONETHELESS, THE RELEASE OF THE LIST OF "LIBERADOS" IS AN OBVIOUS STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
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